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**Tallest Tower Build in Less Than a Year**

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***-****Midtown corner of 31st street: daring corner*

*-Opening day 1931*

*-Governor Franklin D Roosevelt.*

*-Great edifice.*

*-Tower never lived to his expectation.*

*-Commercial failure, opening day only was able to rent less than 30%.*

*36 floors empty. Empty state building*

*-It was not in the center of the central business (Grand Central Zone)*

*-Lonely dinosaur-midtown-tallest mountain-tallest tower-King Kong’s leery.*

*-Most romantic, airships.*

*-Never made 4th Street.*

*-The Empire State Building-center of the island and shows you the way, emotional reaction.*

*-Cimetracal, magic terrace able to look up.*

*-Lantern; Light house of the city, light house of commerce, like in Ancient Egypt.*

*-Supreme expression to shape their world.*

*-The Great Depression affected people a lot.*

*-1931 crash; everything had changed, lost city due to melancholy state. Lonely and inexplicable grows the Empire State Building. It was a magnificent tower. Pandora’s Box: Full of pride and looked in dismay at its limits. It was a lonely building.*

*-Scot Fitzgerald*

***The Chrysler Building***

*-Stock Market broke records, 2 million shares.*

*-Boom; a lot of capital and office space. It was a 1929 a culture of pure speculation.*

*John Jacob Rasco.*

*-The wealth of the country was going to increase at an alarming rate.*

*-Millions of dollars were on the street.*

*-Spring of 1929, Walter Chrysler introduced a new plan for making the world’s tallest building against the Woolworth Building.*

*-The Chrysler Building made a Monel, stainless steel, was pushed up. Oct. 16 made the building triumphant. It was taller than the Woolworth Building and taller than the Eiffel Tower.*

*-The Irony of the Chrysler Building was that it maintained the title of World’s tallest building for only a few months even after the Spire was made.*

*-Oct 27 1929.*

*-Stock Exchange: The Crash Exchange occurred. People were losing money.*

*-They thought that the U.S was going to be eternally great. Stock Markets fell.*

*-It was going to take 15 years for the Stock Market to fully recover.*